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which were cited in a Chinese Office Action, dated March 28, 2003, for corresponding

Chinese Patent Application No. 01123177.7, to the Examiner's attention:

U.K. Patent Application No. GB 2 330 446 A, which was published on April 21,

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The relevance and pertinent portions of this document are as noted on the attached

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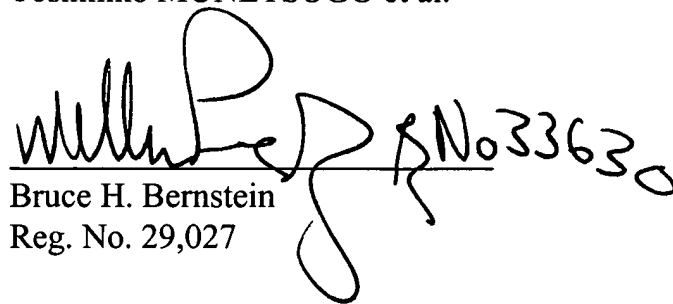
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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the

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